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How Your Student Government Has Helped You

Seldom do most people realize the scope of student government, especially as it exists on Olivet's campus. Usually the scope will depend greatly on how much responsibility the total organization is willing to assume.

The Associated Student Government needs your help to be increasingly a better servant to the student body. With your work, much more can be accomplished.

An expanded report of our work and accomplishments, given in near chronological order, is as follows: (1) Lyceum Program improvement investigation was begun last Spring and has continued through this semester. Conclusion: Early planning plus a full-time staff activity director is needed to give the students their best returns on the student activity fees. (2) The Fourteenth Annual Student Council-Administrative Workshop on September 4-6 covered the Roles of the Administration, ASG (Associated Student Government), Campus Ministries, Lyceum and Academics. (3) The 57 page Leadership Handbook for Officers

of Student Organizations was compiled by President Jack Stepp and printed by ASG in August, 1970, to give tips needed for an effective year. (4) Applications for ASG committee assignments on the standing and student-faculty committee level were given out at registration. (5) The ASG Voting Card has been approved for second semester elections. (6) The class chapel standing committee of class presidents, chaplains, sponsors and the ASG president was approved. Steps for the orientation and strengthening of the class chapel program were taken. (7) The following standing committees were established: a. Academic Affairs, b. Campus Ministries, c. Governmental Operations, d. Intercollegiate Sports, e. Special Events, f. Student Life and Wagon Wheel. The committees along with Spiritual Outreach, Social Affairs, and the AST secretary, treasurer and president soon became known as the "Cabinet" in the expansion of the executive branch of student government. (8) Each Council member has been assigned regular Glimmer-

glass articles. (9) Student Tribunal vacancies filled: Bill Holda, chief justice, Rich Bushey, Jerry Dockery, Marcella Hunter, seniors; Teresa Foster, Garen Milton, juniors; Terry MacKay, Cindy Nelson, and Mel Sayes, sophomores. (10) An ASG Bulletin Board for the "Commons" area. (11) Investigation of a dorm refrigerator program which has carried through the whole semester on both Administrative and student levels. While it is close to completion for second semester, it has hit some snags; e.g.-board hike to offset carry-outs from cafeteria. (12) ASG hosted the American Association of Evangelical Students' Regional Convention. (13) The following student-administrative committees were filled: a. Lyceum, b. Admissions and Scholarships, c. Editorial Board, d. Educational Policies, e. Calendar and Activities, f. Chapel Program Committee, g. Library Committee, h. Student Personnel Services, i. Traffic, j. Food Services, k. Homecoming, l. Administrative Council, m. Social Patterns, n. Ludwig Planning, o. Library Planning, p. Chapel Attendance, q. Ten-Year Study. Reports are required from the students of these committees. (14) Council and special committee provided the administration with suggestions concerning the Who's Who selection procedures for 1970. (15) The feasibility of a Homecoming Parade was investigated by poll, and allotments were considered and given by Council. (16) Organizational constitutions and charters are in the process of becoming up-to-date. (17) A special committee was set up for the Student-Board of Trustee Interaction Work next February and letters have been sent to each Board member. (18) Regulations were made and are in the process of being made concerning the possible indebtedness of organizations. (19) Suggestions were sent to the appropriate administrative input on the following items: a. lengthening of library hours, b. synchronization of all campus clocks and chimes, c. sled slide in back of Chalfant, d. repair of the ONC sign in Chalfant, e. rook playing in Ludwig Commons, f. Alma Mater copies in Chapel hymnals,

g. car wash facility, h. Burke stair flow signs, i. fountain site, j. chapel absenteeism, k. in-hours by age instead of classification, l. ASG Budget Changes, m. campus drainage problems, and n. library and Reed Hall public phones. (20) The Wagon Wheel was allotted monies for opening and work was done in attempting its successful set-up. (21) WKOC Contest Assistance and dues to the National Association of Broadcasters. (22) Provisions and restrictions made concerning class chapel polls. (23) The work of most of the Cabinet committees has been acted upon by Council. Guidelines for each committee have been required. (24) A study is being made on the inauguration of a Campus Leadership and Orientation Emphasis throughout next semester. (25) The First Annual Winter Student Council-Administrative Workshop will take place January 15-17, 1971. (26) The Student Council budget is operating in the black for this semester. (27) Academic Affairs has considered: a. pass-fail course provisions, b. Book-of-the-Semester, c. compulsory class attendance, d. class complaints, e. the purpose of academic leniency, f. the inauguration of a WKOC Focus program on Academics with Dean Snowbarger, and a future study of curriculum needs. (28) Campus Ministries has: a. scheduled religious-oriented activities on campus, b. provided Collegiate Christian periodicals for the dorms, c. worked and accomplished in providing a Personal Evangelism Course (2 hrs.) next semester, d. plans an all-school communion for second semester. (29) Governmental Operations has: a. supervised the freshman elections, b. set up a schedule for all election dates in the Spring, c. set up new nominating and election procedures, d. proposed the "Presidential Oath of Office", e. improved proper scheduling of social activities, f. proposed By-law change in the election of the Glimmerglass editor g. submitted committee "Guidelines" to council, and h. is investigating the position of an Executive Vice-President, a permanent Cabinet, and all-class constitution, and a review of the organizational treasurer's role. (30) Intercolle-

giate Sports has provided for: a. "Penny Arcade" booth to introduce committee, b. a tiger suit, c. publicity for the Cross Country meets, and d. a giant tiger on a sign, for use at the games; and will be providing for next semester: a. pep rallies, and b. busing to away games. (31) Special Events has provided: a. a political interest class chapel poll with subsequent publishing of results, and b. an election party on November 3; and will be providing: a. Black History Emphasis next February, and b. an Ecology Emphasis. (32) Student Life has: a. worked toward providing an ice-skating rink, b. suggested a new cafeteria line set up, and c. researched a student life poll for second semester. (33) The reports of the First Vice-President in Charge of Spiritual Outreach, Second Vice-President in Charge of Social Affairs are given in separate articles. (34) The provision of the SBP platform planks, excluding those mentioned above, include: a. mailing agendas and minutes to R.A.'s for posting; b. student body invitations to Council meetings through the news media; c. present and future augmentation of WKOC; d. Glimmerglass: council news, SBP column, listing of council and committee members, reports of committee action; e. Mid-year SBP chapel report; f. regular office hours; g. student-administrative meetings; h. promotion of intercollegiate organizations, i. weekly Student Council meetings except when there was no business or vacation, j. roll call votes, k. the encouragement of an early student phone directory, l. working with organizational officers of all levels in the affairs of the campus, and m. the posting of platform on the ASG office window.

The above is merely a glimpse of the work involved in student government. Hours upon hours are spent in meetings with administration and faculty for the achievement of proposed goals and the benefit of the student constituency. We trust that you will be involved for the improvement of our college environment next semester. May God truly bless and guide all our efforts.

The report of the Second Vice-President in Charge of Social Affairs will be printed in the first issue of the Glimmerglass next semester.

Outreach Presents Christ

Spiritual Outreach, now in its fifth year of existence, continues to be the largest organization on Olivet's campus. This year's program was introduced to the Student Body by a special brochure which included a detailed description of each program in Spiritual Outreach.

Christian Involvement Week, September 9-11, 1970, included various activities with Dr. Paul Orjala as our chapel speaker. Prayer meetings and dorm rallies were provided and commitment booths were set up in Ludwig Center for those interested in joining Spiritual Outreach for the 1970-71 school year.

Spiritual Outreach started its sixth program this year which is called "Missionary Involvement Teams." The purpose of this program is for students who have an interest in missions to present the work in the churches in the educational zone.

Each program was responsible for a Collegians For Christ program this semester. We hope to continue this idea next semester

for it has been an excellent chance for Outreach members to share some of their experiences and to challenge other Olivetians to get involved.

Each program director has held his own training sessions for each of his programs. Reports from these sessions showed they were well attended and profitable.

We are presently working on a Youth Conference which we hope will reach the non-Christian high school student. We plan to invite Kankakee area students to stay on campus for a weekend. The sole purpose of the weekend will be to communicate to the students that Christ is the answer in our day.

We are also working on a Hotline program where interested students will be able to serve the community.

Investigation was made by Spiritual Outreach concerning the interest of the students in a course on Personal Evangelism. Due to the good response, the two-hour course is being offered in the coming Spring semester on Thursday evenings.

'Unto Us A Child Is Born'

by Bud Bredholt

Whenever Christmas time nears, our thoughts turn to many things including presents, snow, a reindeer named Rudolph, Santa Claus and the warmth of an open fire.

This year, like the one that preceded it, I think about a little boy I met two years ago during my stay in Haiti.

This little guy was in a most precarious situation the day we met. He was sitting in the dirt along side his father in the shade of an old mud hut on a mountain side near the mission compound.

The lad was stark naked and covered with dirt and dust from head to toe. No smile could be found on the youngster's face nor was there even a cry at the sight of the three visitors who were towering over him.

The boy's father didn't have much to say and sat there with a look of apprehension as to what was going to happen next. The little boy was sick and needed medicine, but medicine took money. This little bundle of black humanity was in no position to argue why he was in this predicament. Like many of us, he was powerless to remove himself from it.

What would you have done? In our land where unemployment is unpatriotic, would you have looked the kid in the eye and said, "Hey, why doesn't your ol' man go out and find a job or something?"

What would Christ have done? Probably, Christ would not fuss or fume and ask a lot of questions as to the why's or where's; rather, He would only display a tender compassion for the physical and material need of the baby.

The missionary we were with said that the boy needed a bottle of medicine for his illness, and that the cost was \$1.50—probably \$1.50 more than the family had.

It was then a dash for the pocket books to see who could

come up with the money first. It was decided that each of us would pay fifty cents towards the purchase. (It can be said that it was the best fifty cents we had ever spent.) The missionary told the father that he or the mother could bring the child to the dispensary and that the medicine would be available for the child.

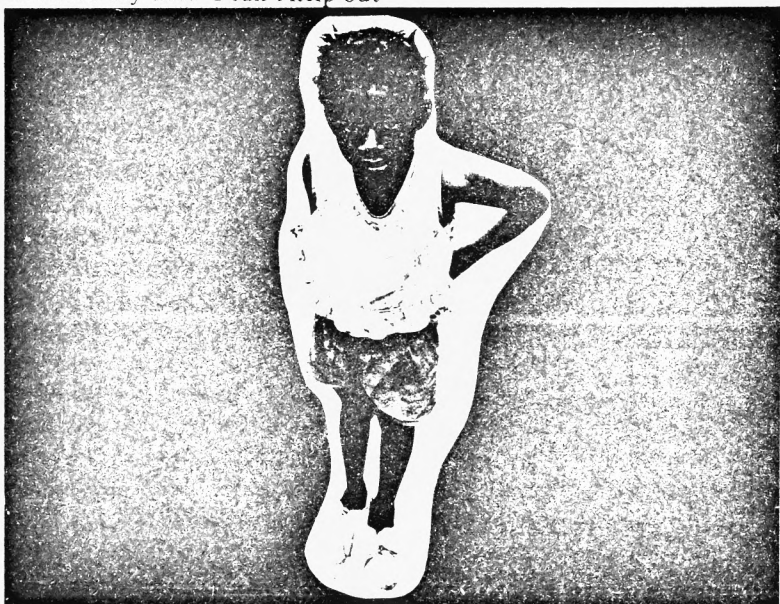
When I saw the boy again, I didn't see a sober looking little boy with dirt on his face and an unclothed body, but a clean, healthy looking child, fully clothed, and sitting in his thankful mother's arms.

This happened two years ago, but I still think of the little boy beside the shack and how he influenced my life. I can't help but

think, "What about all the other children who are born into impoverished conditions?" Whether it be at Christmas or any other time of the year, the kids are the ones who suffer.

There is nothing wrong with having a plentiful Christmas for God does bless his people abundantly. Yet it would be well for us to look about carefully and help someone during this Christmas season who has a real physical or material need.

And when you read the story of that first Christmas, maybe you --like me--will think of this little boy, and then read twice . . . For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given . . .



Leadership Workshop to Train Potential Leaders

by Don Lovasz

Recently the Student Council Cabinet met with the president and vice presidents of each class. During the meeting a question was raised concerning the role of Student Government and how it can be enhanced and more closely associated to the students.

Several points were discussed concerning the preparation of can-

didates for office. It seems more often than not offices are petitioned for, and voted upon on a popularity basis, never considering the candidates' past experiences and/or future potentials. It was also pointed out that many nominees which have petitioned for an office have no idea of what their responsibilities will include during the following year. Consequently the class later suffers because of a lack of good and experienced leadership.

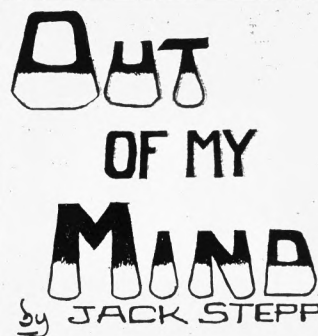
When asked how Student Government can become more appealing to the student, such ideas as an All School "Workshop" at the beginning of the year were suggested. This workshop would give students an opportunity to ask questions and learn the roles of Student Government. Hopefully it would also be an incentive for students to become more involved. A similar suggestion was to include, during Freshman Orientation, a session on Student Government to give incoming students some idea of how the "Associated Students" works and the opportunities available to those that are responsible enough and capable of holding a specific office.

However, is it the responsibility of the Student Government to "spoon feed" the students with information concerning "their" government? The Student Coun-

cil has published both minutes of past meetings and agendas of future meetings with the hope that more students may become interested in Student Government. Unfortunately only a few read the publications and even less have attended any one Student Council meeting. Would interest and attendance be the same if these "special sessions" were held?

This year class leaders have tried to include as many students as possible in class activities. Special announcements and posters have been made for activities, and most classes have sent out at least one questionnaire to each of its classmates, offering them opportunities to work on any one of a large range of committees. It became quite depressing, though, when only a small percentage of these forms were returned.

Whose responsibility is it then to increase participation in Student Government? Student Council has opened its doors for all those that are interested, and class leaders have pleaded for all-class participation in their activities. The Student Government will continue trying to interest more and more students. However, it is now the responsibility of the individual student to become involved and interested in the governing body of its campus.



Happiness is a senior with one more semester to go. And, truly, for this student, this semester has progressed quickly; in fact, too quickly for all the work that needs to be done.

On the front page of this issue is the Associated Student Government Mid-Year Report. We trust that you will peruse the activities and work that has been done this first semester. We do desire your

criticisms, ideas and suggestions.

The Christmas season means many things to many people. To me, it is to get a head start on ASG work and academic studies for next semester—at least, hopefully so. However, it is a time to also meditate on our total purpose and motivation in living the Christian life. It would seem fitting to re-evaluate ourselves, our work and our reason for being during this Christmas season. Make it personal and let there be a spiritual renewal within you.

Dorothy Van Doren wrote, "If the future looks dark, so did it on the morning before the first Christmas. But however dark it seems today, however bright it is, we shall meet life better if we have fulfilled the present to the best of our ability."

May God bless all our efforts.

Pastor's Corner

—Rev. Don Irwin

Christmas was about the last of the special days to be accepted by the church. It was not until late in the fourth century that Christmas was observed as a special day in December.

Many church groups opposed the celebration of Christmas in England and the American colonies. In Massachusetts it was unlawful to keep Christmas as a holiday free from labor.

Now it is the largest and most widely celebrated holiday on our

calendar. The decorations begin to appear early in November and the interest and excitement of Christmas grows and intensifies until it climaxes on Christmas Day.

Christmas connects us directly to the birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus is at the center of the celebration of Christmas. Commercialization, secular festivities, Santa Claus and all the other things that have been attached to this season could not exist apart from the real message of Christmas: "And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.'"

'To Christ At Christmas'

Amid the whirl of the season to be jolly, often the artificial commercialism of yuletide cheer stifles the wonder and significance of this Birthday of birthdays. Father Malcolm Boyd expressed this in his letter "To Christ at Christmas."

Why do we celebrate your birth but not your life? Why do we call ourselves after your name but refuse to follow after your life? I see your face, Jesus, in the face of a Negro woman in Mississippi whose life is made a hell by White "Christians". I see your face, Jesus, in the face of a lonely man in a crowded city. I see your face, Jesus, as loved and unloved in the faces of people who hate and the persons who love. Christmas is a great mystery to me. (The way we practice it, is it a mystery to you, too?) Through the sham and simplicity, the cruelty and joy, the exploitation and adoration of it, I see your face. Bless us, your brothers and sisters, your disciples, the humanity you died on the cross to redeem. Thank you, Christ on the occasion of Christmas and always, for giving us life in the midst of death, life with you.

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